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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE
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OF HEALTH**

**FOR THE YEAR
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STAVELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman of the Council—Councillor S. Meakin, J.P.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Composed of the whole of the Members of the Council

Chairman—Councillor F. A. Madin

Members as at 31st December, 1968—

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Councillor H. Commons

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Councillor V. H. Schofield

Councillor W. Smith, J.P.

Councillor P. E. Sternberg

Councillor G. W. Stevenson

Councillor J. Wickins, J.P.

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(Comm. December, 1968)

Clerk :

Mrs. I. HAWGOOD (Left June, 1968)

Mrs. M. B. COCKLETT (Comm. May, 1968)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1968.

The birth rate at 16.18 per 1,000 population showed an increase from the rate of 15.47 for 1967. In absolute terms, this is an increase of 14 live births to 300 from the number for 1967.

The crude death rate of 12.35 per 1,000 population was increased from the rate of 8.28 for 1967. This increase in absolute terms was from 153 deaths in 1967 to 229 in 1968. There were 14 deaths due to cancer of the lung being approximately a quarter of all cancer deaths. The majority of these may be ascribed to the habit of inhaling cigarette smoke.

Measles was more prevalent, there being 247 cases notified as against 103 cases in the previous year. An immunisation is now available to protect against the disease.

The Ministry of Health passed regulations to make infective jaundice notifiable as from 15th June, 1968. One case was notified to the year end. Later in the year, the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations came into force. These regulations, among other provisions, amended the list of notifiable diseases.

The Ministry of Health was dissolved in the Autumn and all its functions, together with those of the Ministry of Social Security, transferred to a new Department of Health and Social Security.

The Derbyshire and Derby Branch of the Family Planning Association opened a clinic at the County Council premises in Lime Avenue, Staveley during the year. Those requiring this provision are urged to make use of the facilities provided.

The development of the district continues to make progress. In August the new Council Offices were opened by the Duke of Devonshire. The offices are accommodated in the Staveley Hall, which is a 17th Century building included in the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Supplementary List of Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest. This building was formerly in use as a Rectory but has been acquired by the Council and the necessary conversion undertaken.

It is a pleasure to record my appreciation of the help and co-operation given by the Council and Staff during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID P. ADAMS,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

| | |
|---|----------|
| Area in Acres | 6,504 |
| Population (Estimated mid-year) | 18,540 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses and Caravans | 6,268 |
| Rateable Value at 31st March, 1968 | £670,691 |
| Product of Id. Rate | £2,575 |

| LIVE BIRTHS: | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Legitimate | 154 | 120 | 274 |
| Illegitimate | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| Total | <u>167</u> | <u>133</u> | <u>300</u> |

| | |
|---|-------|
| Rate per 1,000 population | 16.18 |
| Illegitimate Live Births percent of total live births | 8.67 |
| Standardised Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.01) | 16.36 |

| STILL BIRTHS: | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Legitimate | — | 4 | 4 |
| Illegitimate | — | — | — |
| Total | <u>—</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> |

| | |
|---|-------|
| Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births .. | 13.16 |
|---|-------|

| TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: | Male | Female | Total |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Live Births | 167 | 133 | 300 |
| Still Births | — | 4 | 4 |
| Total | <u>167</u> | <u>137</u> | <u>304</u> |

| INFANT DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR: | Male | Female | Total |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Legitimate | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | <u>7</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>10</u> |

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

| | |
|--|------|
| Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births | 29.2 |
| Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births | 76.9 |
| Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births | 33.3 |

| NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE: | Male | Female | Total |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (under 4 weeks of age) | | | |
| Legitimate | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | <u>5</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>8</u> |

| | |
|--|------|
| Total Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births | 26.7 |
|--|------|

| EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE: | | | | Male | Female | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| (under 1 week of age) | | | | | | |
| Legitimate | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Illegitimate | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | <u>5</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>7</u> |

Total Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births 23.3

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Still births, and deaths under 1 week
combined, per 1,000 total live and
still births 36.1

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of Deaths NIL
Rate per 1,000 live and still births —

DEATHS

| | Male | Female | Total |
|--|------|--------|-------|
| Deaths Registered..... | 131 | 98 | 229 |
| Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population | ... | | 12.35 |
| Standardised Death Rate (Comparability Factor, 1.26) | ... | | 15.57 |

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE STAVELEY URBAN DISTRICT.

| Cause of Death | Male | Female | Total |
|---|------|--------|-------|
| Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases | 1 | — | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| Malignant Neoplasm—Breast | — | 3 | 3 |
| Leukaemia | 1 | — | 1 |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc. | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | — | 1 | 1 |
| Avitaminoses, etc. | 1 | — | 1 |
| Other Endocrine etc. Diseases | — | 1 | 1 |
| Meningitis | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other Diseases of Nervous System | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Hypertensive Disease | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | 28 | 19 | 47 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 10 | 15 | 25 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Influenza | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | 13 | 5 | 18 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Peptic Ulcer | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Cirrhosis of Liver | 1 | — | 1 |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System | — | 1 | 1 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | 1 | — | 1 |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System | — | 1 | 1 |
| Congenital Anomalies | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Birth injury, difficult labour etc. | 2 | — | 2 |
| Other causes of Perinatal Mortality | 2 | — | 2 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| All other Accidents | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Suicide and self inflicted injuries | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| All other external causes | 1 | — | 1 |
| | 131 | 98 | 229 |

DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

| Age Group | Males | Females | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Under 4 weeks | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 4 weeks and under 1 year | 2 | — | 2 |
| 1—4 years | 1 | — | 1 |
| 5—14 years | 2 | — | 2 |
| 15—24 years | 2 | — | 2 |
| 25—34 years | 5 | — | 5 |
| 35—44 years | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 45—54 years | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| 55—64 years | 30 | 12 | 42 |
| 65—74 years | 33 | 28 | 61 |
| 75 years and over | 38 | 50 | 88 |
| | 131 | 98 | 229 |

COMPARATIVE TABLES

| Year | Population | Birth Rate per 1000 population | Death Rate per 1000 population | Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births |
|------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1935 | 17,500 | 10.20 | 6.28 | 27.77 |
| 1936 | 17,110 | 13.56 | 10.05 | 81.89 |
| 1937 | 16,970 | 15.67 | 10.54 | 48.87 |
| 1938 | 16,960 | 15.44 | 11.49 | 57.27 |
| 1939 | 16,890 | 15.45 | 9.23 | 58.18 |
| 1940 | 16,350 | 16.75 | 11.13 | 76.65 |
| 1941 | 16,350 | 17.48 | 8.58 | 44.21 |
| 1942 | 16,190 | 21.62 | 9.62 | 29.98 |
| 1943 | 16,140 | 18.58 | 11.09 | 67.96 |
| 1944 | 16,470 | 22.52 | 8.92 | 40.42 |
| 1945 | 16,700 | 19.34 | 8.68 | 58.82 |
| 1946 | 17,260 | 18.71 | 9.73 | 49.53 |
| 1947 | 17,480 | 20.93 | 8.98 | 19.12 |
| 1948 | 17,580 | 18.09 | 10.35 | 56.60 |
| 1949 | 17,670 | 17.26 | 9.05 | 22.95 |
| 1950 | 17,960 | 15.25 | 9.74 | 18.24 |
| 1951 | 17,890 | 15.93 | 10.62 | 38.59 |
| 1952 | 18,010 | 14.21 | 8.66 | 46.87 |
| 1953 | 17,940 | 14.43 | 7.47 | 19.30 |
| 1954 | 17,950 | 13.98 | 10.14 | 31.90 |
| 1955 | 17,490 | 14.40 | 9.26 | 47.60 |
| 1956 | 17,510 | 14.79 | 9.76 | 23.16 |
| 1957 | 17,530 | 17.45 | 10.95 | 32.68 |
| 1958 | 17,510 | 17.93 | 11.42 | 28.66 |
| 1959 | 17,420 | 16.53 | 9.30 | 24.30 |
| 1960 | 17,480 | 17.16 | 9.32 | 20.00 |
| 1961 | 18,080 | 17.53 | 10.29 | 22.08 |
| 1962 | 18,200 | 17.47 | 10.82 | 28.30 |
| 1963 | 18,280 | 19.58 | 10.45 | 11.17 |
| 1964 | 18,450 | 18.97 | 9.81 | 28.57 |
| 1965 | 18,510 | 16.48 | 9.18 | 29.51 |
| 1966 | 18,570 | 16.15 | 12.22 | 30.00 |
| 1967 | 18,480 | 15.47 | 8.28 | 17.48 |
| 1968 | 18,540 | 16.18 | 12.35 | 33.30 |

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The chief industries in the area are coal mining, iron and chemical manufacturing. A substantial proportion of the male population is employed in these heavy industries. A limited amount of employment is available for females in industries manufacturing clothing and motor vehicle accessories. Light industry is being attracted to the Speedwell Industrial Estate and progress has commenced in the development of further industrial sites in the Duke Street area.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Midwives and Nursing in the Home

These are under the supervision of the Derbyshire County Council.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological work is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Sheffield. Chemical analyses are carried out by the Public Analyst at Sheffield.

Hospitals

The majority of patients from the urban area are catered for by the Chesterfield Royal Hospital and Scarsdale Hospital. Morton Hospital and Lodge Moor Hospital deal with infectious diseases, and maternity cases are received at Ashgate Annexe or at the Maternity Wards of Scarsdale Hospital.

Treatment Centre, Poolsbrook

The Treatment Centre at Poolsbrook is operated by six adjoining Local Authorities for the treatment of Scabies and Head Lice. During the year 83 cases were treated at the Centre, 6 of which were from this Urban District.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

The activities of the local Voluntary Committees still continue and successfully brighten the lives of the old people living in their neighbourhoods. The provision of rest rooms by the Council is highly commendable and reflects a sympathetic understanding of the needs of older people.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951 (Sect. 47)

Several persons were kept under observation during the year and attempts made to assist in their problems. Statutory action was not required.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The number of cases of measles notified this year is substantially more than in the previous year. Immunisation is now available against this disease and parents are advised to take advantage of this protection to their children.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

The Derbyshire County Council has carried out immunisation against Diphtheria on the following number of children during the year:—

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| Primary immunisations ... | ... | 192 |
| Booster immunisations ... | ... | 406 |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

| Disease | Total No. Notified | Cases admitted to Hospital |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acute Encephalitis | — | — |
| Acute Meningitis | — | — |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | — | — |
| Anthrax | — | — |
| Cholera | — | — |
| Diphtheria | — | — |
| Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary) | — | — |
| Infective Jaundice | 1 | — |
| Leprosy | — | — |
| Leptospirosis | — | — |
| Malaria | — | — |
| Measles | 247 | — |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | — | — |
| Paratyphoid Fever | — | — |
| Plague | — | — |
| Relapsing Fever | — | — |
| Scarlet Fever | 11 | — |
| Smallpox | — | — |
| Tetanus | — | — |
| Tuberculosis | 3 | — |
| Typhoid Fever | — | — |
| Typhus | — | — |
| Whooping Cough | 10 | — |
| Yellow Fever | — | — |

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

| Cases Treated : | | | Vision Unim- paired | Vision Impaired | Blindness | Deaths |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| Notified | At Home | In Hospital | | | | |
| — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED 1959-68

| Year | Pulmonary | | | Non-Pulmonary | | | Total Cases |
|------|-----------|---|-------|---------------|---|-------|-------------|
| | M | F | Total | M | F | Total | |
| 1959 | 7 | — | 7 | — | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 1960 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 1 | — | 1 | 10 |
| 1961 | 2 | 2 | 4 | — | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 1962 | 3 | — | 3 | 2 | — | 2 | 5 |
| 1963 | 2 | 2 | 4 | — | — | — | 4 |
| 1964 | 3 | 1 | 4 | — | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 1965 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 1966 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 2 |
| 1967 | 2 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | 3 |
| 1968 | 1 | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | 3 |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES ACCORDING TO AGE GROUP

| Disease | Under 1 Year | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | 4 Years | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 & over | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Acute Encephalitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Meningitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anthrax | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cholera | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diphtheria | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Infective Jaundice | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leprosy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leptospirosis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malaria | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Measles | 8 | 29 | 33 | 32 | 49 | 91 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | 247 |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paratyphoid Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plague | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Relapsing Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | | | 2 | | 1 | 6 | 2 | | | | | | | 11 |
| Smallpox | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tetanus | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuberculosis : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pulmonary : | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Non-Pulmonary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typhoid Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typhus | | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Whooping Cough | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

| DISEASE | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Acute Encephalitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Meningitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anthrax | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cholera | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diphtheria | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary) | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Infective Jaundice | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leprosy | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leptospirosis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Malaria | | | 20 | 31 | 3 | 3 | 61 | 60 | 17 | 32 | 17 | 1 | 247 |
| Measles | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paratyphoid Fevers | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plague | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Relapsing Fever | | | | | | | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Scarlet Fever | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smallpox | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tetanus | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuberculosis : | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pulmonary | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Non-Pulmonary | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typhoid Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typhus | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whooping Cough | | | 6 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 10 |
| Yellow Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

for the year ended 31st December, 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report in respect of the work carried out during 1968, as follows:—

HOUSING

Inspection of Dwelling Houses

| | | | |
|----|-----|--|-----|
| 1. | (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 93 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose ... | 210 |
| 2. | (a) | Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925 and 1932 | Nil |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose ... | Nil |
| 3. | | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 23 |
| 4. | | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respect reasonably fit for human habitation | 44 |

Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notice

| | |
|--|----|
| Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their officers | 28 |
|--|----|

Action Under Statutory Powers..

| | | | |
|----|------|---|-----|
| 1. | | Proceedings under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act 1957: | |
| | (a) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | Nil |
| | (b) | Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice: | |
| | (i) | By owners... .. | Nil |
| | (ii) | By Local Authority in default of owners ... | Nil |
| 2. | | Proceedings under Public Health Acts: | |
| | (a) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | Nil |
| | (b) | Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice: | |
| | (i) | By owners... .. | Nil |
| | (ii) | By Local Authority in default of owners ... | Nil |

3. Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 and 35 of the Housing Act 1957:
 - (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders or Closing Orders were made ... 42
 - (b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... 12
 - (c) Number of dwelling houses demolished by informal action ... Nil
 - (d) Number of families displaced ... 42
 - (e) Number of persons displaced ... 126
 - (f) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were given not to use for human habitation ... Nil
 - (g) Number of dwelling houses made fit after undertakings ... 2
4. Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957:
 - (a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil
 - (b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit ... Nil
5. Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act 1957:
 - (a) Number of Clearance Areas declared ... Nil
 - (b) Total number of houses in such areas ... Nil
 - (c) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed ... 1
 - (d) Number of houses demolished ... Nil
 - (e) Number of families displaced ... 32
 - (f) Number of persons displaced ... 70

The Compulsory Purchase Order including properties in the No. 27 Chesterfield Road, No. 28 Ivy Dene, and No. 29 The Poplars and Market Street Clearance Areas was confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government without modification on 17th May, 1968. These areas, together with additional land adjoining, will provide an excellent opportunity for new development in the centre of the town.

The 42 houses dealt with as individual unfit houses included properties at Brickyard Terrace and Railway Terrace, Barrow Hill.

Housing Act, 1957, Part IV—Overcrowding.

During the year no cases of statutory overcrowding were discovered.

Rent Act, 1957

No action has been found necessary during the year under the provisions of this Act.

Improvement Grants

Applications for Standard Grants totalled 17 for the provision of the following amenities:—

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Bath | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Washhand Basin | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Hot water supply to 2 points | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Hot water supply to 3 points | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Internal water closet | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Food storage facilities | ... | ... | ... | 14 |

All the applications were approved which included 11 from owner/occupiers and 6 from owners of tenanted property. Two applications for Discretionary Grants were received and approved.

Over the last 19 years, a total of 912 houses has been improved with the aid of a Grant. This has been achieved by offering close co-operation with owners. There has been a substantial drop in the number of houses dealt with this year and this can be largely attributed to the fact that most of the houses in the area have now received the necessary improvements. There are, however, a number of houses, particularly at Barrow Hill, which need careful consideration as to their future life.

In April the Government issued a White Paper, "Old Houses into New Homes," which indicates a shift in the emphasis on the housing effort. Whilst new house building is still of paramount importance, a greater share of public investment must go into the improvement of older houses to prevent their premature deterioration into the unfitness class. A new Housing Bill, now before Parliament, will revise existing Grant facilities and will also make provision for the improvement of the environment in improvement areas. This is a welcome step forward and should do much to stimulate interest in providing not only modern homes, but also congenial surroundings.

Additional measures are also contemplated to maintain progress in slum clearance and better compensation provisions are proposed for owner/occupiers.

Caravan Sites

One privately owned caravan site at Riverdale Park, Bent Lane, Staveley containing 76 caravans continues to operate satisfactorily. The majority of the caravans have their own drainage, water supply and electricity fitted into them. Central toilet blocks, firefighting appliances, standpipes, telephone, street lighting and recreational facilities are also provided.

Two other licences are operative in respect of single caravans for residential purposes.

Infectious Diseases

Particulars will be found in the Medical Officer's Report of the number of cases of infectious diseases which were notified during the year.

Filthy and Verminous Premises

The number of premises infested by vermin is very small, but the occasional occurrence of vermin emphasises the need for continued vigilance.

Meat Inspection

There are no licenced slaughterhouses within the Urban District. Meat traders operating in the area obtain their supplies from the Chesterfield and Sheffield districts.

Inspection of Other Foods

Foods surrendered as being unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

19 tins Soup
 27 tins Peas
 6 tins Tomatoes
 1 tin Carrots
 5 tins Fruit
 7 tins Beans
 1 tin Baby Food
 2 tins Shoulder Ham
 1 tin Pork Luncheon Meat
 6 tins Pressed Ham
 1 tin Ox Tongue
 26½ lbs. Steak.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

| Trade | Total | Number complying with Reg. 16 | Number to which Reg. 19 applies | Number complying with Reg. 19 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bakeries | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Butchers | 10 | 9 | 10 | 9 |
| Works canteens | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Catering | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fish and chips | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Grocer and General | 48 | 42 | 48 | 45 |
| Grocer and off-licence | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Licensed premises | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Mineral water manufacturers | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| School canteens | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Cooked meats | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fishmongers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Greengrocery | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Chemists | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Confectionery | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |

Ice Cream Premises

The total number of registrations operative under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act 1955, is as follows:—

Manufacture and Sale Nil
 Sale only 38

2 applications for registration were received during the year for the sale of ice cream.

Brucellosis

Brucellosis is a disease in man caused by drinking untreated milk from a herd infected by the organism *brucella abortus*. This disease is difficult to diagnose from the symptoms, and the present intention by the sampling procedure is to eradicate animals from a herd where they are found to excrete the organism.

There are two producer/retailers who offer raw milk for sale in the Urban District.

Three samples of milk were taken from each of the herds during the year and examined for the *Brucella* organism. All samples were reported negative.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Two complaints were received during the year relating to food. A pint bottle of milk was found to have a mixture of cement and sand adhering to the internal surface of the bottle. This bottle had obviously been misused during its circulation and the washing process at the Dairy had failed to dislodge the foreign matter. The Dairy was informed of this occurrence. The other complaint related to overripe bananas purchased from a Self Service store. No action was considered appropriate in this case.

The County Analyst submits information that the Derbyshire County Council as Food and Drugs Authority, obtained 52 samples of food from the Urban District during the year, and these were examined for quality. All samples were classed as satisfactory.

Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles

The Food Hygiene Regulations relating to food businesses operating from markets, stalls and vehicles have now been in operation for two years. There has been a notable improvement in the standards adopted by traders operating their business from vehicles. Purpose built vehicles are now available for traders, and their extended use is to be encouraged, but cannot be enforced. It would seem, therefore, that adapted vehicles will be with us for some considerable time. The adapted vehicle is similar to an existing building adapted for use as shop premises. Whilst they can be brought up to the standards as required by the Regulations, they never appear to be quite so satisfactory as the purpose built vehicle or establishment.

Sixteen mobile shops have been inspected and minor defects found on inspection have been quickly remedied.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the District.

Animal Boarding Establishments

The Licence for the Kennels granted last year has not been renewed during the current year.

Places of Entertainment

Inspections have been made of the sanitary conveniences provided in the Cinema. Conditions are generally satisfactory.

Shops Act, 1950

Visits have been paid to various shops regarding health provisions, keeping of required records and notices, and the closing of shops at regulation hours.

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963

| TABLE A | Class of Premises | No. of premises registered during the year | Total no. of registered premises at end of year | No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| | | | | |
| Registrations and General Inspections | Offices | 3 | 21 | — |
| | Retail shops | 4 | 60 | 12 |
| | Wholesale shops, warehouses | 1 | 1 | — |
| | Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ... | — | 7 | 2 |
| | Fuel storage depots | — | 1 | — |
| | TOTALS | 8 | 90 | 14 |

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises 18

| TABLE C | Class of Workplace | No. of persons employed |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| | | |
| Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace | Offices | 117 |
| | Retail shops | 191 |
| | Wholesale departments, warehouses | 3 |
| | Catering establishments open to the public | 18 |
| | Canteens | — |
| | Fuel storage depots | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 331 |
| | Total Males | 116 |
| | Total Females | 215 |

No accidents were reported at registered establishments during the year.

Rodent Infestation

Rodent Control work continues with the services of a part time operator. The work carried out during the year is indicated by the following Table:—

| | Type of Property | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| | Non Agricultural | Agricultural |
| Number of properties in the district | 7260 | 46 |
| Total number of properties inspected following notification | 117 | 1 |
| Number of such properties infested by:— | | |
| (a) Rats | 90 | 1 |
| (b) Mice | 13 | — |
| Total number of properties inspected for rats or mice for reasons other than notification | 45 | 26 |
| Number of such properties infested by:— | | |
| (a) Rats | 5 | 16 |
| (b) Mice | — | — |

A comprehensive survey of agricultural holdings was undertaken in the early part of the year. Twenty-six farms were inspected and of these 14 were found to be slightly infested and 2 had a heavy infestation. The properties affected were kept under supervision and treatments carried out by the operators employed by the farmers.

Water Supply

Every house in the District is provided with a piped water supply in the house. There are no standpipes and no wells.

The Engineer and Manager of the Water Board submits the following information:—

The supplying authority to the area is the North Derbyshire Water Board.

- (a) (i) Treatment Plants at Ogston and Barlow provide the source of water to the area, both supplies are chlorinated. Distribution is from covered service reservoirs.

The resultant quality of supplied waters is satisfactory.

- (ii) The quantity proved adequate for normal household purposes.

- (b) Chemical and Bacteriological analyses are carried out in the Board's laboratories. All raw, treated and distributed waters are examined at least monthly. The number of examinations involved in 1968, being:—

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bacteriological | ... | ... | ... | 223 |
| Chemical | ... | ... | ... | 129 |

Water Supply (continued)

Bacteriological results on treated waters have been consistent with standards laid down by the Ministry of Health. Chemical results in view of the number of water sources involved vary considerably with locations, and approximate extremes of variation are:—

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| pH | ... | ... | 7.0 — 9.0 |
| Alkalinity (CaCO ₃) | ... | ... | 20 — 80 mg/l |
| Hardness (CaCO ₃) | ... | ... | 50 — 140 mg/l |
| Chloride (Cl) | ... | ... | 16 — 25 mg/l |
| Fluoride (F) | ... | ... | 0.2 — 0.8 mg/l. |

- (c) The treated waters in the area have given rise to no concern on the grounds of plumbo solveney, and analyses on the supply water at source, in distribution and after overnight standing in lead service pipes have yielded figures within the revised acceptable lead concentration.
- (d)
 - (i) The number of houses connected during the year was 171.
 - (ii) No major schemes were undertaken in the area.
 - (iii) 1,816 yards of main were laid for housing developments.
- (e) Before being brought into service all newly laid mains were washed out, sterilized and samples examined to ensure satisfactory bacteriological and physical results were obtained.
No action was necessary in respect of any other form of post treatment contamination.
The waters were monitored to detect any excessive amounts of radioactive substances.
Monthly reports of current bacteriological and physical results were forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health.

Public Swimming Bath

The Parks and Cemetery Superintendent submits the following report on the public swimming bath:—

The open air swimming bath at Ringwood Park is 75 ft. x 30 ft. and has a variable depth of 3 ft. to 6 ft. It is constructed in reinforced concrete, has a painted surface with blue lane markings and black seum channel. There is enclosed changing accommodation together with showers and foot baths.

The capacity of the bath 64,000 gallons and is filled from the main town's supply. The water is heated to 72°F. by a coke fired boiler and is filtered and chlorinated. There is a complete change of water every four hours.

Bacteriological and chemical examinations of the water are taken at frequent intervals and have been found to be satisfactory.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The Engineer and Surveyor submits the following report on the district's sewerage system and sewage disposal:—

1. *Sewage Disposal Works*

Conditions here are very much as in the past, the final effluent produced is still satisfactory.

With regard to sludge disposal, some extension or modification is required and alternative methods are being considered, e.g. extension to existing beds or mechanical methods of disposal.

2. *Sewerage System*

There are two major schemes required in this connection:—

- (a) the relaying of the main sewer from Duckmanton to the Poolsbrook Pumping Station, together with the re-building of the Pumping Station on a new site. Work cannot be started on this scheme until approximately 1972, due to N.C.B. working under the site.
- (b) the laying of a surface water sewer from the Town Centre to the River Doe Lea, the sewer is to serve the proposed developments in the town centre, together with the Industrial Estates. It is hoped that work can commence on this scheme in 1970.

Problems are also met with mining subsidence, but apart from these, the rest of the system is satisfactory at the present time.

Public Sanitary Conveniences

The cleansing and maintaining of the Public Conveniences is vested in the Public Health Department. The following is a list of conveniences provided:—

| <i>Situation</i> | <i>Accommodation for Females</i> | <i>Accommodation for Males</i> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Market Street, Staveley ... | 2 W.C.'s | 2 W.C.'s |
| Inkersall Road, Staveley ... | Nil | 1 Urinal Stall |
| Private Drive, Hollingwood ... | Nil | 1 Urinal Stall |
| Barrow Hill | 2 W.C.'s | 1 W.C. |
| | | 1 Urinal Stall |

All accommodation is available free of charge.

The conveniences at Market Street, Staveley will be replaced by new conveniences in the new shopping development, probably during the coming year. The small convenience at Inkersall Road will need to be demolished on the redevelopment of the south side of Market Street.

Dustbins, Privy Middens & Closet Accommodation

The undermentioned Table gives the estimated number of sanitary conveniences provided at all types of premises in use at the end of 1968:—

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| No. of Water Closets | ... | ... | 6,890 |
| No. of Pail Closets | ... | ... | 6 |
| No. of Privies | ... | ... | 21 |
| No. of Dustbins | ... | ... | 6,640 |
| No. of Ashpits | ... | ... | 1 |
| No. of Cesspools... | ... | ... | 47 |

Scrap Metal Dealers

No new applications for Registration have been received during the year, but one firm continues to remain Registered.

Noise Control

Discussions continued with the County Council regarding the operation of a siren at the Fire Station within 35 feet of dwelling houses. Experimentally the siren has been resited in an attempt to alleviate the discomfort to residents.

One other complaint of noise nuisance was investigated, but no nuisance could be established.

Atmospheric Pollution

Recordings of atmospheric pollution have continued during the year by the use of Standard Deposit Gauges and Lead Peroxide instruments. The recordings are taken in co-operation with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. The Analyst's reports of this deposited matter and estimation of sulphur, together with the rainfall, are as indicated in the following Table:—

| Month | TONS PER SQUARE MILE | | Average Rainfall in inches | Lead Peroxide gauge reading milligrams per 100 sq. cm. per day |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Hartington Colliery, Hartington | Staveley Works Canteen | | |
| JANUARY | 16.19 | 17.78 | 1.32 | 2.28 |
| FEBRUARY | 12.94 | 19.28 | 1.63 | 1.87 |
| MARCH | 20.19 | 25.08 | 1.40 | 1.70 |
| APRIL | 21.15 | 24.85 | 2.03 | 1.38 |
| MAY | 31.55 | 25.75 | 2.90 | 1.44 |
| JUNE | 18.86 | 20.38 | 1.89 | 1.06 |
| JULY | 21.22 | 16.78 | 3.72 | 1.35 |
| AUGUST | 24.88 | 21.74 | 1.46 | 1.21 |
| SEPTEMBER | 13.96 | 17.81 | 5.15 | 1.12 |
| OCTOBER | 12.11 | 15.91 | 3.12 | 1.66 |
| NOVEMBER | 14.99 | 26.85 | 2.80 | 1.67 |
| DECEMBER | 12.25 | 29.35 | 1.75 | 1.85 |
| ANNUAL TOTAL | 220.29 | 261.56 | 29.17 | 18.59 |
| MONTHLY AVE. | 18.36 | 21.78 | 2.43 | 1.55 |

The amount of deposited matter at the Staveley Works Canteen has increased this year, whereas the Hartington Colliery gauge shows a further decrease. The cold blast cupolas in the vicinity of the Works Canteen gauge have been brought into more extensive use and arrangements are proposed for fitting them with wet washing equipment. It is hoped that these washers will reduce the amount of pollution emitted from these furnaces.

One application was received for approval of the installation of a furnace and chimney height under Secs. 3 and 10, Clean Air Act 1956, which was granted.

Domestic Smoke Control

The Council's first smoke control Order, which covers the Hollingwood and Ringwood districts, came into operation on 1st September, 1968. This area is of 252 acres and includes 817 privately owned dwellings, 15 commercial premises, one industrial establishment and 5 other premises.

Up to the coming into operation of the Order there was sustained activity in equipping the houses with appliances to burn the authorised fuels. The work has gone well due to the excellent co-operation received from the owners of the vast majority of the houses.

It has been found necessary to serve 26 Notices requiring the alteration or replacement of fireplaces, and all have been complied with.

The occupiers of houses have been given freedom of choice in the selection of fuels to be burnt in their houses. The following is a summary of the fuels selected:—

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Gas only | ... | ... | ... | 478 |
| Electricity only | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Solid Fuel only | ... | ... | ... | 176 |
| Gas Ignition only | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Gas and Solid Fuel | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Electricity and Solid Fuel | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Petroleum Licensing

The number of licences granted to store petroleum spirit was 17 and the quantity to be stored totalled 3,307,350 gallons. The whole of the licences granted were for storage in bulk in special tanks.

Three underground storage tanks were tested during the year and all satisfied the test.

One licence has been granted to store a total of 200 gallons of Acetone.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1.—INSPECTION FOR PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

| Premises 1. | No. on Register 2. | Number of | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Inspections 3. | Written Notices 4. | Occupiers Prosecuted 5. |
| Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | — | — | — | — |
| Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority | 40 | 7 | — | — |
| Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding Outworkers Premises | 13 | 4 | — | — |
| TOTAL | 53 | 11 | — | — |

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars 1. | No. of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted 6. |
|--|--|----------------|--|--|--|
| | Found 2. | Remedied 3. | Referred to H.M. Inspector 4. | Referred by H.M. Inspector 5. | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Unreasonable Temp (S.3) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Inadequate Ventilation(S.4) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | — | — | — | — | — |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | — | — | — | — | — |
| (c) Not separate for Sexes | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork). | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | — | — | — | — | — |

3.—OUTWORK

| Nature of Work | No. of Outworkers | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council |
|----------------|----------------------|---|
| | Nil | Nil |
| TOTAL | Nil | Nil |

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK DONE IN
THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT DURING 1968

| | | | | | | Inspections and Observations made |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| GENERAL SANITATION | Drainage..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 29 |
| | Filthy and Verminous Conditions | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 |
| | Caravan Sites | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 |
| | Places of Entertainment | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| | Petroleum Stores | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11 |
| | Shops Act | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 14 |
| | Atmospheric Pollution | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 384 |
| | Factories..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11 |
| | Rats and Mice | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 |
| | Piggeries..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| | Stables | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| | Poultry and other Animals | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| | Water Supply | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 |
| | Cesspools..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| | Public Conveniences | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| | Hairdressers | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| PUBLIC CLEANSING | Offices, Shops and Railway Premises | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 |
| | Noise | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| | Miscellaneous | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 |
| | Refuse Collection | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 43 |
| | Refuse Disposal | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19 |
| | Salvage | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 |
| HOUSING | Privies | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| | Scrap Metal Dealers | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| | Abandoned Motor Vehicles | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 32 |
| | Under Public Health Acts | | | | | |
| | No. of Houses inspected | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 |
| | Additional visits to above houses | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 14 |
| | Under Housing Acts | | | | | |
| | No. of Houses inspected | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 69 |
| | Additional visits to above houses | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 103 |
| | Improvement Grants | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 113 |
| FOOD INSPECTION | Rent Act | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | — |
| | Houses in Multiple Occupation | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| | Environmental Improvement | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| | Bakehouses | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| | Provision Merchants | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 |
| | Fried Fish Shops | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| | Ice Cream Premises | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 |
| | Butchers | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| | Licensed Premises | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| | Preserved Food Manufacturers | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 |
| | Unfit Food | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 |
| | Mineral Water Manufacturers | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| | Greengrocers | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| | Canteens..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11 |
| | Street Traders | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 |
| | Distribution of Milk | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 |
| INFECTIOUS DISEASE | Restaurants and Cafes | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| | Market Stalls | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| | Milk Sampling | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 |
| | Enquiries into Cases | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 |
| | Disinfections | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | — |

Salvage of Waste Paper

The quantity and value of waste paper sold during the year was as follows:—

| | | | <i>No. of Bales</i> | <i>T.</i> | <i>C.</i> | <i>Q.</i> | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------|-----|-----|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----|----|
| January | ... | ... | 270 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 129 | 7 | 6 |
| February | ... | ... | 141 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 |
| March | ... | ... | 198 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 113 | 2 | 0 |
| April | ... | ... | 185 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 81 | 12 | 6 |
| May | ... | ... | 275 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 128 | 0 | 0 |
| June | ... | ... | 110 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 58 | 16 | 0 |
| July | ... | ... | 262 | 16 | 9 | 0 | 155 | 4 | 0 |
| August | ... | ... | 126 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 69 | 4 | 0 |
| September | ... | ... | 151 | 6 | 15 | 0 | 67 | 10 | 0 |
| October | ... | ... | 374 | 24 | 15 | 0 | 244 | 14 | 9 |
| November | ... | ... | 153 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 88 | 11 | 0 |
| December | ... | ... | 130 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 72 | 12 | 6 |
| | | | 2,375 | 136 | 18 | 4 | £1,273 | 14 | 3 |

A Karrier Bantam with Derby Type body, 10 cu. yds. capacity is used for the special collection of salvage from commercial premises.

Refuse Collection

All household refuse is stored in 3½ cu. ft. metal dustbins. A back door collection is given and organised on a once weekly collection basis. The vehicles maintained for the work of the Department are as follows:—

No. 9 Karrier Gamecock Dual Tip, 18 cu. yds. capacity, Year 1962.

No. 10 Karrier Gamecock Dual Tip, 18 cu. yds. capacity, Year 1964.

No. 11 Karrier Gamecock Dual Tip, 18 cu. yds. capacity, Year 1965.

Following a Report submitted by a firm of Consultants on Work Study, the Council brought into operation the revised methods of working in November, 1967. The Incentive Bonus Scheme proposed by the Consultants enabled the men employed on this work to achieve a bonus equal to 33½% of their basic rate of pay. This created an increased cost to the Council for an apparently unchanged service to the public. The initial introduction of the scheme proved that the workmen were unable to complete the task within the week and collection of refuse quickly deteriorated. Amendments to the scheme had to be introduced in order to provide a satisfactory service to the public. Since that time the collection has been fairly regular, and the men have enjoyed an enhanced bonus rate. This has, however, increased the cost of collection to the Council even further than calculated by the Consultants.

A rate of 7.7% of days were lost due to sickness and 1.3% of days were lost due to absenteeism.

A total of 272,879 dustbins were emptied during the year and 13,941 miles were travelled by the vehicles.

Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of on land at Cemetery Lane. A Fordson Super Major tractor equipped with Muledozer, blade and bucket is used for tip levelling. Whilst the tipping is not fully controlled, it is carried out sufficiently well to prevent nuisance. Trespassers on tip, however, do create problems and numerous tip fires can be attributed to the activities of these persons.

The disposal site on Cemetery Lane has been in use since 1935 and has become virtually filled to capacity. Levels are now such that the area can be developed for an alternative use and the possibility is being considered by another Committee for part of the land to be developed as a motor cycle training ground.

A further piece of land adjoining the present tip has now come into use for refuse disposal purposes, but it will have a very limited life as compared with the main site now completed. Difficulties are still being encountered in maintaining controlled conditions, principally due to the non availability of suitable covering material.

Consideration will have to be given to disposal arrangements in the future and this may prove difficult as suitable sites for the tipping of refuse are extremely hard to find within the Urban District.

Civic Amenities Act, 1967

The Council has provided a central point where the public may themselves deposit refuse, other than business refuse, free of charge, but little use has been made of this facility. The object of providing this place is to avoid the indiscriminate dumping of waste around the countryside.

Action was taken on 12 apparently abandoned motor vehicles, and one trailer caravan during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. MURRAY,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

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